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Application of: MacDonald et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a copy of the pending claims. Submitted herewith as Exhibit B is a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

ELECTION

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the Examiner required Applicants to elect between one of the seven allegedly different inventions described therein. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Group 1, Claims 1-29, with traverse. This election is made without disclaimer of or prejudice to pursuing the non-elected subject matter in this or other applications.